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# YOUNG DEMOCRATS CHARGE CITY SCHOOLS INADEQUATE

## Citizens to Probe City School System

Formation of a citizen's committee to conduct a sweeping investigation of the city's school system is well underway today, according to a spokesman for the Torrance Young Democrats.

Spokesman Hank Carreiro, 25-year-old president of the Young Democrats, said today that support will be given to the three candidates for the April City Council election who express sympathy for the aims of the group.

The committee will make a "comprehensive inquiry" into the educational program of city schools, including the use of city tax monies, an alleged "large turnover in school personnel," and a possible lack of co-operation between various vital elements within city government and schools.

Referring to the support the Young Democrats would offer to candidates at the April council elections, Carreiro said, "We are considering new personalities to back for the council rather than the old men, the incumbents."

Sift "Conflict" Reports  
Carreiro indicated belief that other organizations would aid the effort to "clear" the atmosphere concerning the schools.

The Young Democrats called a meeting last Sunday night which was well-attended by parents as well as a sprinkling of teachers. The purpose of the citizen's committee was outlined.

Among other things, the committee would investigate a "possible conflict between the City Planning Commission and the school board regarding school sites" and, in another area, the "possible lack of democratic communication and co-ordination between administrators and the educators."

No Smear Campaign  
The group affirmed that it was not their intention to give the black name by attacking the school system. They asserted that the only purpose of the inquiry is to ascertain what can be done to improve the academic schedule as well as to resolve some of the questions posed by many citizens and teachers about the school's administrative operation.

Carreiro stated, "We are serious about not hurting the city. We're not out to simply snipe away. We simply feel that some-

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## School Head Hull Refuses Answer to Group's Charges

When asked to answer the charges hurled by Hank Carreiro, Superintendent J. H. Hull today declared: "No comment whatsoever."

However, Hull did tell the Torrance Press that he believes the entire controversy was "triggered" by a teacher he had refused to hire.

In a recent talk before the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the Masonic Lodge, Hull made these pertinent remarks:

"Middle Man"  
"A school superintendent is a middle man who isn't trying to

win any popularity contests." Describing his duties as chief administrative officer of the Torrance Unified School District, Hull noted he is the "middle man" between parents, teachers, taxpayers, and various other groups. He and his staff with the board of education must decide what is best for children.

Where does a school superintendent find out how to run a school? Hull cited three main sources of "answers" for a superintendent:

1. The Education Code and state law, which tells which subjects shall be taught and how much of the day shall be devoted to them. Thirteen subjects are included in the curriculum by state law; three electives are possible.

2. Board policies, developed by the experiences and problems of the district.

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'COMPREHENSIVE INQUIRY'—Hank Carreiro, 25, president of the Torrance Young Democrats, is spokesman for a citizens' committee being formed to conduct broad investigation of this community's school system. Group will support the three city council candidates in April election which express sympathy for aims of his committee. Here Carreiro gives the correct explanation of philosophy concerning John Dewey's progressive education to citizen's committee on schools.

## Youth Figures Briefly as Ellis Case Suspect

A 16-year-old armed and dangerous juvenile hall escapee figured briefly as the leading suspect in the Ellis pawnshop robbery, Torrance police said today.

James A. Wadley, the youthful suspect, escaped from Juvenile Hall last Friday — just in time for the Torrance pistol-whipping robbery. But Torrance Police say that they have just about eliminated him as suspect now because of the age discrepancy and other identifying factors.

Doubt the Man  
For awhile, a sheriff's unit and Los Angeles Police sought the youth around the Narbonne High School in Lomita. Torrance Police were hopeful of nabbing the Ellis robber. Now police say that they will show Wadley to Nat E. Ellis, the hold-up victim yet they doubt very much that the youth is the wanted man.

Other leads in the case have all but fizzled out, yet Torrance Police remain confident of capturing the brutal gunman.

Police said today that they have enjoyed a spell of odds and ends in the way of incidents and crimes.

Horses and Indians  
Earlier this week, Officers Boyce and Smith played horse wrangler at 172nd St. and Ermanita where James Duffin of 3406 W. 172nd St. reported a loose horse. The two officers

rode herd on the animal and returned it to the rightful owner. Then an unusually discriminating thief robbed a private coin collection. Ronald G. Awerkamp, 17420 Faysmith St., lodged a complaint with police about the sneak thief who entered his home and carted off some \$100 to \$200 worth of negotiable coins, leaving behind a goodly haul of foreign and ancient coins, as well as Indian Head U.S. pennies.

Advertiser Cancels, Results are Immediate  
Mrs. Sidney Peterson, 1345 W. 109th Pl., Los Angeles, cancelled her classified ad scheduled for Sunday's edition of the Torrance Press.

Her decision tickled this newspaper's sales staff, oddly enough. The reason: She had placed an apartment for rent ad in the paper the preceding Thursday. The edition was barely off the press when calls started to pour in and she had a satisfactory tenant.

It pays to utilize the advertising columns of the South Bay's fastest growing newspaper.

## Selling Like Gold Bricks Unlimited Parking Program Shows Signs of Failure

Unlimited parking permits for city-owned lots are selling like coal furnaces in Hades, city officials said today.

To date, the grand total of three permits have been sold, enriching the city tills for the rather unimpressive sum of \$12. The permits sell at \$4 apiece and are good for a month's undisturbed parking on the city-owned lots.

So far, the city has spent a trifle more than \$150 on the permit program. Some \$135 of that went for the permit decals at 18 cents each while another \$15 or so went for printed application forms.

City officials are slowly arriving at the reluctant conclusion that the scheme is a dismal failure.

Informed City Hall informants say that Mayor Isen, in conjunction with other officials, seriously considers abandoning the whole plan, unless the public responds with something faintly resembling interest.

Meanwhile, a three months supply of the vari-colored decals is on hand. Officials ordered 750 of the stickers, contemplating a cautious 250 per month sales. Estimates appear to have been on the liberal side.

## C of C Breakfast to Hear Expert Tell Politics in '60

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce's monthly breakfast meeting on Jan. 26th will hear one of California's finest speakers, it was announced today.

Phil Knox Jr., an expert on state legislation problems, will address the meeting on "Political Parties and Patterns—1960." His talk is expected to give an entertaining and informative glimpse of what to expect from Sacramento and Washington legislative bodies.

Chamber officials urge all businessmen to attend, pointing out that 1960, as an election year, will be a vital period for the business community.

Serving starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge and the meeting ends promptly at 8:30 a.m., according to Chamber co-chairmen W. E. Bowen and William Shawger.

Scores of citizens appeared, however, to protest a zoning change at 2600 Pacific Coast Hwy. Owners of the property requested permission to erect a ski resort and sundry shops at the location. Neighborhood property owners were prepared to object violently to the council but were foiled when John J. Mascola, representing the proposed ski resort owners, withdrew their application for a change of zone.

In other actions the City Council entered into a lengthy discussion of the airport situation, spiced with some acrimonious exchanges between Councilmen Dralle and Besley on the one hand and acting Mayor Blount on the other. Councilman Jahn also contributed his share to the lively discussion.

The issue concerned the question as to whether or not private interests should be allowed to build hangars on airport property. Councilman Jahn expressed his views fervently, saying that it was better for private enterprise to realize some gain rather than that the city should lose valuable tax monies from aircraft interests driven elsewhere for lack of facilities at Torrance airport.

Peace and disarmament proved to be winning issues for the "Republicans" in Riviera Elementary School's annual mock presidential election, with Dale St. John and Jenn Kisselberg being named president and vice-president of the United States, respectively.

They defeated the "Democratic" candidates, Ronnie Bielefeldt and Virginia Cowman, as eighth graders went through their annual mock political convention and election.

Eight graders in three classes acted just like their elders in holding a mock political convention and electing a president as part of their study of government. The classes of Mrs. Irma Wilson, Mark Kerby, and Ronald Hall took part.

Party Platforms Adopted  
Students divided up into parties and chose a state to represent. Then, they met in convention, drew up a party platform, and nominated candidates for president and vice-president. The convention was complete with the usual banner, floats, and flowery political speeches.

The GOP party platform hit heavily at the peace and disarmament issues, while the Democrats called for lower taxes, foreign aid, lower living costs, an end to strikes, and narcotics controls.

Forrest Sedgewick and Diana Worthen acted as chairmen of the Republican and Democratic parties, respectively.

Learn by Doing  
The mock convention, held every year, is part of the eighth grade study of government. After the conventions are over, students continue their study of government. Each youngster concentrates individual study on the state which he represented at the convention. Each youngster writes to a leading congressman or senator from that state and asks him for information about his state and bills which are currently in congress.

Students also follow the current bills through congress, both in their own model congress and in the newspapers.

The student congress will meet to consider legislation similar to that which is being discussed in Washington. There also will be a Supreme Court and presidential cabinet.

Last year, the activities of the class were featured on a TV program.

## Inside the Press

Find the story about the dog that bit the boy and then escaped rabies quarantine — perhaps you will find the dog, thus saving the boy from Pasteur's treatment. Elsewhere:

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## Water Issue Still Clouded

Legal storm clouds still hovered over Torrance this week after Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Ellsworth Meyers refused to issue a writ of mandate brought by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier. The City Attorney requested that the Torrance portion of a newly annexed water area be excluded from the county water district.

Remelmeier stated today that he has filed a notice of appeal to the Appellate Court.

A county spokesman pointed out that this action may hold up the sale of a \$600,000 bond issue to improve the new area in County Water District 13.

The sale is mandatory before the district can bring the water pressure up to standard in portions of southeast Torrance and Lomita.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will certify the election Jan. 19.

Water works district officials are now checking with the county counsel to find out if the southeast portion of Torrance can be excluded — even though this area voted overwhelmingly to be annexed.

If the answer is in the affirmative, this area would have to be eliminated by the action of the supervisors, as Remelmeier has requested.

Lomita civic groups started the annexation move after both Torrance and county building officials refused to issue permits in the area on grounds that the low water pressure created a fire hazard.

## Many Prize Winners Enjoy Big Home Savings Drawing

More than a hundred people braved the suddenly inclement weather of Torrance and South Bay California to be present at Torrance's Home Savings and Loan Association's Grand Prize Drawing, featuring an all-expense paid trip for two to the lush Hawaiian islands via Pan American Jet.

Miss Torrance, 17-year old Betty Baker, who picked all the lucky winners from the rotary wicket, drew Paul Broilner, 421 E. G. Redondo Beach as the grand prize winner of the Hawaiian trip for two, sponsored by Home Savings in celebration of the opening of its 23rd and newest office in Torrance.

The Broilners will spend five glorious days in Hawaii at the island's renowned Royal Hawaiian Hotel as guests of Home Savings and Loan Association. They were picked from an estimated 15,000 cards registered.

Drawing in Reverse  
The drawing featured twenty-one prizes, with Robert E. Hickney, Home Savings' vice president in charge of branch operations, and Home's Torrance manager,



DR. J. H. HULL

## Student Ballot Overflows at Torrance High School

Stanley Gonta, Carol Johnson, and Roy Yanase are all campaigning for election to the office of Student Body President of Torrance High School, school officials said today. These three seniors are heading a list of 108 eligible candidates running for the 51 various major and minor offices in the student government. The elections will be conducted on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Stanley Gonta has been active in many capacities on campus. He is best known as a football player, having recently been selected as a first team guard on the C.I.F. Southern Section football team. Stan held the post of Junior Class President last year. His other activities include being a member of the Track team and a member of the Varsity Club.

Carol Johnson held the position of Student Body Vice-President last year. Carol has been a very active student in many school productions in the capacity of singer and actress. She is

a member of the Tartar Ladies, president of the Scholarship Society, and is a member of the Future Teachers.

Roy Yanase is a latecomer in student body affairs just completing a term as Commissioner of Athletics. He is a member of the Tartar Knights. Roy is a transfer student from Hawaii.

Other Major Candidates  
Candidates filing for the other major Student Body offices are Judie Sherwood for vice-president; Barbara Alter and Charlotte McComas for commissioner of records; Linda Hofer, Sharonne Mascola, and Susan Mathis for commissioner of finance; Bev Orend for commissioner of pep; Joanne Carr for commissioner of activities; Pat King, Cherrie Lacy, and Judy McTea for commissioner of publicity; Ray Bynum, and Nancy Hornbeck for commissioner of group control; Carol Mathlin and Tom Megow for court judge.

Susan Hammock is running for 51 offices in student government. Elections will be conducted on Jan. 19.

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'EAGER BEAVERS'—Stanly Gonta, left, Carol Johnson and Roy Yanase, all candidates for the office of Student Body President of Torrance High School, use bricks in pre-election "campus fight." These three seniors head list of 108 eligible candidates for 51 offices in student government. Elections will be conducted on Jan. 19.